

What is claimed is:

1 1. A plasma enhanced CVD apparatus, comprising:
2 a process chamber including an upper chamber with a dome shape,
3 a lower chamber, and an insulator placed between the upper chamber and
4 the lower chamber;
5 a gas distributing ring installed in the process chamber for ejecting a
6 gas in an upward direction inside the process chamber;
7 a susceptor installed below the gas distributing ring for supporting a
8 wafer thereon, and having a heater for controlling a temperature of the wafer
9 and an internal temperature of the process chamber;
10 a plasma compensation ring installed at an upper part of sidewalls of
11 the susceptor;
12 a vacuum pump connected to the process chamber; and
13 an electric power source connected to the upper chamber and the
14 lower chamber.

1 2. The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gas distributing
2 ring has a plurality of nozzles at inner walls thereof, wherein each of the
3 plurality of nozzles is upwardly sloped with an inclination of a predetermined
4 degree.

1 3. The apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the degree of
2 inclination is in a range of from 30°C to 60°C.

1 4. The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the gas distributing
2 ring is made of stainless steel.

1 5. The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a loadlock
2 chamber connected to the process chamber.

1 6. The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the susceptor is
2 coated with Al_2O_3 .

1 7. The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the plasma
2 compensation ring is formed of stainless steel.

1 8. A method of forming a nitride layer using a plasma enhanced
2 CVD comprising:

3 loading a wafer onto a susceptor;

4 supplying a first reactive gas containing nitrogen N_2 to a process
5 chamber;

6 leaving the wafer intact for a first delay time;

7 forming a basic layer on the wafer by converting the first reactive gas

8 into plasma which is created by applying electric power to the process

9 chamber;

10 leaving the wafer intact for a second delay time;

11 forming a nitride layer on the wafer having the basic layer thereon by
12 supplying a second reactive gas to the process chamber and converting the
13 second reactive gas into plasma;
14 leaving the wafer intact for a third delay time;
15 stopping the supply of the first and second reactive gases to the
16 process chamber;
17 leaving the wafer intact for a fourth dealy time;
18 stopping applying the electric power; and
19 unloading the wafer from the susceptor.

1 9. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein loading and unloading
2 the wafer are performed through a loadlock chamber connected to the
3 process chamber.

1 10. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein ammonia is used as
2 the first reactive gas and silane is used as the second reactive gas.

1 11. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein forming the nitride
2 layer is performed in the process chamber having an internal temperature of
3 580-670°C, an internal pressure of 0.5-0.7 mTorr and an electric power
4 applied thereto of 100-700 W.

1 12. The method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising forming a
2 protective film on inner walls of the process chamber before loading the

3 wafer, the protective film being formed of at least two layers each of which
4 has a dielectric constant different from the others.

1 13. The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein forming the
2 protective film includes forming an oxide layer on the inner walls of the
3 process chamber and forming a nitride layer on the oxide layer.

1 14. The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein forming the oxide
2 layer is performed by supplying nitrogen oxygen gas to the process chamber
3 and converting the same in plasma.

1 15. The method as claimed in claim 13, wherein forming the nitride
2 layer is performed by introducing ammonia gas and silane gas into the
3 process chamber and converting the same gases into plasma.

1 16. The method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising vacuuming
2 the process chamber to compulsorily exhaust a gas remaining in the process
3 chamber and supplying a cleaning gas to the process chamber after
4 unloading the wafer.

1 17. The method as claimed in claim 8, further comprising plasma
2 etching cleaning to clean inner walls of the process chamber and
3 components installed in the process chamber after unloading the wafer.

- 1 18. The method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the plasma etching
- 2 cleaning is performed by supplying nitrogen trifluoride gas to the process
- 3 chamber and converting the same gas into plasma.